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ORTHOGRAPHY.

The spelling mania has reached Memphis and affects at least half the population. The first public exhibition was given last night at the Memphis Theater. It was given for the benefit of the orphans. A large and highly intelligent audience was present to witness the novel affair. Those who had ever sighed, "O, would that I were a boy again," had an opportunity to stand up in the glare of the foot-lights before five hundred people and demonstrate, if not that they were boys again, that they liked to take the places of boys. There was something solemnly comical in the spectacle of merchants, ministers, lawyers, cotton factors and railroad men standing up in classes along with the younger generation to spell words after the manner of the old-fashioned spelling classes in back-woods school-houses. There was some admirable spelling done last night, but none who tried it were spell-bound to the stage very long. The amusement always came in just as they stepped out. The audience was good natured and patient, which was fortunate, as the rehearsal had evidently been slily attended, and the proceedings were not as animated as might have been. There was a grim seriousness and stage-struck dignity in the manner of the principal actors that afforded the spectators much merriment. We could not say that the "pieces" ran smoothly, and the voice of the prompter, if there had been one, might have been heard above the din of the Quaker voiced dignitaries who strutted their "brief hour upon the stage." There was little to criticize, and much to commend as affording amusement and instruction. The effect of this spelling epidemic will be to set many people to looking into their dictionaries, and while this may not lead to a revival of letters it will lead to much self-improvement, and cause many good scholars to correct themselves in careless habits of both spelling and reading. It is surprising how many business and professional men misspell words in everyday use. This branch of education, which is the foundation of everything else, is sadly neglected, both in our schools and out. Accuracy is of the highest importance, yet seldom required or made a test of scholarship. Young ladies and gentlemen graduate every year at our colleges and high schools who are really deficient in Noah Webster's spelling book, and when such is the case it may reasonably be inferred that they have slurred over and only obtained a smattering of the higher branches. Better to learn one branch thoroughly than to obtain a superficial knowledge of a dozen. There is much meaning in the old Spanish proverb: "Beware of the man of one book," and no book, we would say, in the whole curriculum is more important than the spelling book. So let the spelling mania rage. It is calculated to do some good, as well as furnish pleasant entertainments.

A SCHEME TO ANNEX CANADA.
A convention is to be held at Buffalo on the 4th of July to promote the scheme of annexing Canada to the United States. It is said that this convention will consist of three delegates from each Congressional district in the United States and three from each Parliamentary district in the British provinces. This is not a new theme, but new means will be required to carry it into execution. There might be commercial reasons why the United States should desire to absorb Canada, and it might turn the tide of carpet-baggers and office pets of the Administration in a different direction, but this is a two-sided question, and we can think of but few reasons why the Canadians should desire to be taken under the wing of our government. They have a good home government, reasonable laws and taxes, immunity from war, misrule or internal broils, and have every reason to be well satisfied. If they want to become a part and parcel of this country, with its frequent elections, corrupt officials, big monopolies and enormous national, State, county and municipal debts, then they are bigger fools than the world has ever supposed; and we venture to say that nine-tenths of them would vote against annexation. We have more territory now than is well governed or protected. Our government takes no notice of the depredations on the Texas frontier, though a single raid from anywhere across our Northern boundary would fire

the heart of the whole Yankee nation. Our Canadian neighbors cannot be anxious to become part and parcel of a country where one-half the national power is used to subvert justice and repress the prosperity of one section to promote the peculiar interests of the other. No, Canada is not ours yet, and probably never will be.

HEALTH OF MEMPHIS.
The New York Sanitarian for May contains a table showing the death rate in the principal cities in the country for the month of March, and taking that as a basis, the mortality per thousand inhabitants annually from all causes, New York is set down at 30.25 per 1000 annually; Philadelphia, 26.30; Brooklyn, 23.34; St. Louis, 13.37; Chicago, 13.73; Boston, 22.57; Baltimore, 21.32; Cincinnati, 20.70; New Orleans, 26.72; Washington, 33.36; Pittsburg, 21.61; Milwaukee, 17.88; Providence, 17.04; Richmond, 26.40; Charleston, 34.50; Memphis, 21.23; Dayton, 16.58; Nashville, 37.69; Wheeling, 33.11; Elmira, 18.42; New Haven, 19.80. The above was derived from official sources and may be considered reliable. It is certainly favorable for Memphis, and compared with most other cities, shows a decided improvement over former reports.

The Governor of Tennessee, an ex-Confederate officer, lately reviewed the United States troops in Nashville. He had often before reviewed them through a field glass, and desired to see how they would appear on closer inspection.

Boston Globe.
The Chattanooga Commercial, which is not too partisan a Republican to be just, assures this Bostonian—who, we venture to say, was a bomb-proof in the war—that Governor Porter was not one of the field glass soldiers, and adds that "he got close enough during the war to make satisfactory inspection. If his administration should prove as good as the quality of his fight, Tennessee will have no cause to complain."

The suspicion gains ground that Grant cannot afford to discharge Delano. The latter knows too much about Orville Grant's operations out in the Indian Territory and, once out of office, might not feel bound to keep the secret any longer.

EX-SENATOR CHANDLER says he spent \$10,000 in trying to have Buell, the newspaper correspondent, convicted of libel. Buell's paper, the St. Louis Republican, stood up to him and he came out clear.

GENERAL JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE is in a very low state of health and it is not likely that he will ever enter political life again, even as a candidate for Governor of Kentucky.

If Attorney-General Williams should get to the United States Senate he will find too many honest Democrats to admit of the fat picking usually found there of late years.

JUDGE T. W. BROWN holds that the election of the Fire and Police Commissioners by the General Council was illegal, null and void. That settles it. Next!

SAM BARD has been given until the first of June to resign, and failing to do so, will be invited out. So says a Washington special.

The Citizens' Union.

To the Editor of the Ledger:
Allow me to thank you for the kind and generous manner with which you have always received my communications, and many friends say, God speed you in your fearless defense of the rights of our citizens and the exposure you always deal to fraudulent transactions when brought to your notice. Would that all our journals would exhibit the same fairness; soon would the charge of venality be forgotten. Apropos of the People's Protective Union, as I hear they are about disbanding. They have done a good work, and all honor is due to the men who, against the strongest opposition, especially of the press (which, like a woman, always will have the last word), have effected so much. Our taxes have been reduced, our useless courts and officers have been cut off, and since the acceptance of the five reliable gentlemen who were selected to fill the responsible position of commissioners, I for one, feel as does every good citizen, safe in entrusting our most important affairs in their hands. They are men well known and incorruptible, and, moreover, they are all members of the People's Protective Union, to which Memphis owes so much, and who have done their work and done it well. As a prophet is not without reward, save in his own country, so it may not be in this day and generation that their services will be appreciated at their just value, but as they did not labor for reward or praise, they will be content.

I do not like to individualize, but I feel that the people of our city owe a great debt of gratitude to Messrs. Tyler and Alexander, the Secretary and assistant Secretary, who, with indefatigable industry, built up the Protective Union to its present influential proportions, and when the wars of political opposition rolled against the Association, stood undaunted at the helm and guided their honored bark safe through the breakers of discord and interested opposition. Dear Ledger—like most things, the smaller the more precious; your sheet is small, but contains more spice than all the city journals put together.

Judge Williams, of Chicago, looks to a man up a tree in a bad way. And when they gather about his coffin they will sing: "He bucked against a new paper."

NEW YORK.
NEW YORK, April 27.—Thousands of spectators gathered at St. Patrick's cathedral this morning to witness the ceremony of conferring the Beretta on Cardinal McClosky. There had been an enormous demand for tickets, and numbers of those who had them found great difficulty in gaining entrance through the crowd. The streets in the immediate neighborhood were packed with human beings, all anxious to even get a chance of seeing the portals of the church. The interest manifested was so great that representatives from every part of the Union were present. A number of front seats were reserved for invited guests, and among those seated in them were Chief Justice Daley, Judge Donohue, District Attorney Phelps, Sinclair Toussy, Collector Arthur, Hon. Tom Murphy and many other well known citizens. At twenty minutes to eleven o'clock the head of the procession emerged from the vestry, acolytes leading bearing a procession cross and tall tapers, then followed long lines of clergymen in their picturesque habits. When the procession had all been arranged in the proper places there was an interval of ten minutes, during which the church was filled with joyous music from the choir. The procession of prelates at length emerged from the vestry with a slow and measured tread, and the audience rose as the magnificent spectacle began to unfold itself. The scene was one which New York will probably never again witness. Boys with picturesque robes and swinging censurs, and dignitaries in dark purple preceded the Archbishop and Bishops. The procession was closed by the celebrants of the mass, Bishop Laughlin, of Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. McGlyn, assistant, Rev. Father McGean, deacon, and Father Keen, sub-deacon; then Cardinal McClosky, the papal envoy, Dr. Ubaldi, Mons. Roncetti, and lastly the tall figure of Count Marescalchi, of the Pope's Noble Guard, in his dazzling uniform.

Cardinal McClosky, wearing his rutilant, purple cuzzer and mantelletta, knelt at the epistle side of the altar; the Archbishop of Baltimore sat upon his throne on the same side; the officiating Bishop and clergymen stood at the altar steps, and mass was commenced at the confector. The Cardinal stood up and proceeded to his throne at the gospel side, he alone of all the prelates present, having a pastoral staff, which was carried by an assistant. The officiating Bishop, after incensing the altar three times, sat down with the deacon and sub-deacon. Bishop Laughlin read the introit, read the kyrie and intoned the Gloria in Excelsis, which was afterward sung by the choir; collects were read from the celebrated epistle by the sub-deacon, and while Bishop Laughlin read the gospel, the congregation rose to their feet; he then chanted the words, "Credo in unum deum," and in a low voice recited the remainder of the income and the creed, when it was concluded. Clebrant, together with the assistant deacon and sub-deacon, sat down until the choir had finished. Bishop Laughlin returned to the altar where, after the customary Dominus vobiscum and oramus, he proceeded to read the prayers at the offertory.

Railroad Accident.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—In addition to the names of the injured given in last night's dispatch are the following: Hugh Kernan, of Baltimore, formerly proprietor of the Theatre Comique in this city, both ankles badly mashed; S. E. Everett, City Treasurer of Cleveland, Ohio, severe cut on the forehead; H. R. Stevens, of Ohio, slight scratch on back of the left hand; G. P. Needham, of Sixth Auditor's office, both legs broken below the knees; Crittenden Crone, brakeman on the Philadelphia train, wounded slightly in right knee; J. H. Robinson, of this city, badly bruised about the legs.

Conductor Buchanan, in his account of the accident, states that he left on time, and after passing the navy yard station he found the train going extremely fast and on a track it should not be upon. He pulled the signal rope for the engineer to down brakes and stop; the signal was not heeded, and the rope was pulled a second time for a stoppage of the train and again not properly responded to. At this time Buchanan was in the rear of the passenger car looking after tickets. When he found his directions were neither noticed or obeyed, and that his train was increasing in speed, he became alarmed, thinking that the rope, in passing through the cars or over the tender, had become fast and thus prevented the bell on the engine from sounding. He started to go forward and give a verbal order for the train to return to the double track. The failure of the gong to sound or the engineer to hear and obey it caused the accident. Before Buchanan could leave the car the two engines had met. Buchanan had just reached the car door and was about opening it, when the collision jammed his head through the glass window, inflicting wounds. He feels satisfied if the signal had been properly and promptly answered by the engineer the catastrophe could have been averted.

Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—For Tennessee and the Ohio valley and lake region, partly cloudy weather, and slight changes in temperature, with variable winds, mostly from the north and east, falling

barometer, and rain from Tennessee northward over the southern portion of lake region. For the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, increasing cloudiness and warmer weather from the south, and falling barometer. The lower Missouri river will rise slowly.

River Telegrams.

CAIRO, April 27.—Arrived—Bee, New Orleans, 1 p.m.; Laura Davis, St. Louis, midnight; Thomas Sherlock, Cincinnati, 8 a.m.; Chas. Brown, St. Louis, 8; John L. Rheadea, Pittsburg, 9; Nail City, St. Louis, 11.

Departed—John Means, Cincinnati, 1 p.m.; Bee, St. Louis, 1 a.m.; Laura Davis, Cincinnati, 1; John L. Rheadea, St. Louis, 10; Nail City, Pittsburg, 11. Light rain all night and forenoon.

A Devoted Wife.

A woman of the overier class, living in the Faubourg St. Antoine, was sent to prison recently for stealing some silver from the private residence of a merchant in the Rue Montmorency. She had always borne a spotless reputation; she was industrious, kind-hearted, pious, an excellent wife and mother. Nevertheless, she was guilty. She must have been, for the pieces of silver were found in her apartments, and she confessed the crime. Her husband was a mechanic, capable, intelligent, but lazy, addicted to drink. He spent days and nights in the wine shop, when his wife was toiling at home for the support of his family. He often took the money she had earned so laboriously and wasted it at the cabaret. If she refused to give up what she needed for her hungry children he beat her, choked her until she confessed where she had hidden it.

The tipping wretch went from bad to worse. He became a thief away from home. Having been employed to do some work in the house of a merchant, he carried off the silver; sold part of it; concealed the remainder in the lodgings of his family. He was suspected; his premises searched; the missing articles found. The poor wife, anxious to shield her worthless, brutal spouse, declared she had stolen the silver; that she had gone to the Rue Montmorency, while he was employed there, and committed the robbery.

And he? He held his peace; permitted his wife to bear the shame and the punishment that were rightfully his.

The London Saturday Review says that Sankey's favorite note is "one in the back of his throat, with which he pours forth a prolonged and hollow O! O! O! something between a howl and a wail, which makes one think of a melodious costermonger crying his cabbages."

The Mikado of Japan has commissioned an Italian artist to paint the portraits of all the Sovereigns of Europe for the royal residence at Tokio.

DIED.
FARRINGTON—Florence, daughter of Wm. M. and Florence Farrington, at 2 a.m. Tuesday, 27th inst.

Funeral notice in Wednesday morning papers.

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PICNIC.

15th German Maifest.
THE MAIFEST OF THE MEMPHIS TEUTONIC Association will be celebrated

On Monday, May 3d,
—AT—
JAMES' PARK,

Near the terminus of the Vance street City Railroad.

All the German societies of this city will assemble on said day, in the morning, at 9 o'clock, precisely, at Market Square. After the forming of the procession the same will move through Winchester street to Main, thence to Beal street and along Beal street to the festival ground, under the command of the Chief Marshal, C. W. Alt, Esq., and his assistants. During the day there will be Concert, Music, Songs, Speeches, Dancing and other amusements, among which we name, as something novel, the Swahian Wheelbarrow March.

The festivities will continue until 12 o'clock at night, and the street cars will run to and from the festival grounds until that hour. Refreshments of all kinds provided for.

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NATIONAL
Fire Insurance Company,
OF HARTFORD, CONN.
STATEMENT, JANUARY 1, 1875.

Cash Capital	\$200,000 00
Total Assets	943,254 14

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS

Cash in Hartford National Bank	\$31,707 87
Cash in Charter Oak National Bank	31,707 87
Cash in Company's office	259 62
Cash in hands of agents and in course of transmission	33,472 42—\$100,210 96
Bonds of States and Cities	\$152,000 00
Par Value, Market Value	\$151,220 00—151,220 00
Stock of various Banks	2,875 00
Stock of various Banks	333,290 00—333,290 00
Bills receivable secured by mortgages and trust deeds	341,200 00
Bills receivable secured by Stock and Bonds	19,887 32
Interest accrued on bills receivable	5,707 37
Interest on bonds not included above in market value	4,527 50
Total Assets	LIMITED \$943,254 14
Fire Losses outstanding	\$28,054 04

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LEGAL.
Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate.
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas to me directed from the Honorable Second Circuit Court of Shelby county, Tenn., in the case of Wm. Johnson vs. John Joyce, Thomas Fleming and John Cogrove, judgment rendered on the 18th day of December, 1873, for the sum of one hundred and forty-seven dollars and sixty cents, with interest and costs of suit, to satisfy said judgment, etc., I will, on

Thursday, the 6th Day of May, 1875,
in legal hours, in front of the court-house, Memphis, Tenn., proceed to sell, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to-wit: One lot or parcel of land lying in Shelby county, State of Tennessee, in the city of Memphis, fronting 244 feet on Front Row, and running back between parallel lines 148 1/2 feet to Center alley, being the south one-third of lot 67 on the southeast corner of Front Row or street, and Market street, in the city of Memphis, and recorded in Book 35, part 1, page 527, Register's office of Shelby county.

Levied on as the property of defendant, John Joyce, to satisfy said judgment, interest and costs.

Memphis, 8th day of April, 1875.
C. L. ANDERSON,
Sheriff of Shelby county, Tenn.
ACKLES & SNEED, Attorneys for plaintiff.

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J. N. PRIVETT.

MEMPHIS, TENN., April 21, 1875.

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